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Copy a Letter from a Secretary of one of the Ambaſſadors at the Porte.

IN order to ſatisfy your Curioſity about *Thamas Kouli Kan*, I ſhall now acquaint you with what I know of him, and you may depend on it that what I tell you is Authentick.

Thamas Koulli Kan, was born at *Aſcheir* in *Chorazan*, a Province of *Perſia*. His Father was a Shepherd, which Profeſſion the Son too followed for ſome Time, till he took a Diſlike to it, from a riſing Ambition to make himſelf more conſiderable in the World; and then it was, that he ſtole 700 Sheep from his Father, which he ſold, and with the Money, liſted a Gang of reſolute Banditti, of whom he put himſelf at the Head, and then plundered ſeveral Caravans, with the Booty whereof he enrich'd himſelf very much. After having carried on the Trade of a common Highwayman for 7 Years, he went to the Province of *Muzandran*, to which the King *Schach Huſſein*, had ſent his Son, the Prince *Thamas*, for Security, before he was obliged to yield up *Iſpahan* to the Rebels. The ſaid King being afterwards put to Death, *Thamas Kouli Kan*, who, by this Time, had 5000 Men under his Command, offer'd them, together with his Treaſures, to Prince *Thamas*, to reſtore him to the Throne of his Anceſtors; engaging, at the ſame Time, that he wou'd give him his Head, if he did not ſucceed in his Enterprize; provided, that in caſe of ſuch Succeſs, the Prince, when he became King, would declare him his Prime Miniſter. The Prince conſented to whatever he ask'd, ſuch was his entire Confidence in *Thamas Kouli Kan*, who, to give him the ſtronger Proof of his Attachment, aſſum'd this new Name, which ſignifies, the Slave of *Schach Thamas*; whereas he went before by the Name of *Nadir Kouli*. I own to you, Sir, we have had good Laughing here at the *Scottiſh* Termination, pretended to be diſcovered in the Name *Kouli Kan*; and then the little Romance with which 'twas adorn'd, was ſo pat, that nothing could be better hit off.

The firſt Thing that *Kouli Kan* did, after having raiſed a very great Body of Troops, was the driving of the Rebels from *Mached*; after which, he reduced the Province of *Herat*, and carried the Governor's Head to Prince *Thamas*, as a Trophy of his Victory.

His Army being now become more powerful, he beſieged and took *Iſpahan*, and reduced the *Aghuans*, a rebellious Nation, who had ſubdued almoſt all *Perſia*. He had the Policy to carry Prince *Thamas* with him in ſeveral of his Expeditions to give the more Reaſon to think, that he only acted for that Prince. The Bravery of *Kouli Kan*, his good Treatment of the Soldiery, and the Generoſity with which he rewarded them, having procured him their entire Confidence, he took that Opportunity to ſeize the Government, on Pretence, that Prince *Thamas* was incapable of Governing. In fine, his Ambition, or rather Vanity, knowing no Bounds, about a Year ago, he got himſelf declared King of *Perſia*, by the principal Adherents of his Party; but this Advancement, inſtead of eſtabliſhing his Authority, muſt rather tend to weaken it. He was beloved as the Defender of his Country; and 'twas then more devoted to him, than 'tis now under his pompous Title of King. As he has reach'd to the Throne by Uſurpation, he has had Recourſe to Wickedneſs, to ſecure himſelf in the Poſſeſſion of it. He has put Prince *Thamas*, and all the Princes of the *Perſian* Royal Family to Death, as well as ſeveral *Perſian* Lords, of whom he had a Jealouſy. He has taken the Title of *Schach Nadir*, and upon the Money coined with his Dye, he has put a moſt vain Inſcription, ſignifying, *The matcheleſs King, the Sovereign of the Four Parts of the World.*

As to his Perſon, he is about 50 Years of Age: